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SUBJECT: OTR Research Project to Develop a

Psychological Assessment/Social Intelligence Test

1. PURPOSE

In support of a broad program to increase the capabilities of the Assessment and Evaluation Staff, to develop improved criteria for psychological assessment of personnel.

BACKGROUND

- a. Social intelligence is the psychological basis for smooth human relations, a central element in supervisory skill, and an indispensable basis for those dealing with foreign agents.
- b. Present Agency assessment techniques are weak in respect to the selection of persons who are especially sensitive to cues that indicate a subordinate's or an agent's motives, intentions and/or attitudes.
- c. No such assessment tool is now available and no development efforts other than those in this proposal are currently in progress.

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d. A research proposal, aimed at the development of such a test, has been prepared by psychologists, in consultation with the Assessment and Evaluation Staff, OTR, and Preliminary work has been accomplished, sound research plans are being executed and the possibilities for eventual success are high.

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3. PROPOSAL

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It is proposed to expend \$12,350 FY 1956 contract to develop a Psychological Assessment/Social Intelligence Test in support of the OTR/Assessment and Evaluation Staff.

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4. ACTION

At the request of the Deputy Director (Support), review and approval of this proposal is effected by lateral vote, without a formal meeting of the Project Review Committee.

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